

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 763
By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to recognize the many contributions of Thomas E. Woodall on the occasion of the observance of the bicentennial celebration of the founding of Dickson County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are particularly pleased to celebrate the historic milestones in the histories of the counties of this state and to specially recognize the significant contributions of leading citizens of such counties and their communities to their growth and development; and

WHEREAS, one such progressive community is Dickson County, which has been celebrating its bicentennial, and one such outstanding citizen is the late Thomas E. Woodall, a prominent and well-respected business and community leader; and

WHEREAS, the youngest child of Walter Thomas and Clara Elizabeth Widick Woodall, Thomas Edward Woodall was born on May 16, 1921, in White House; after graduating from White House High School, Tom Woodall attended Tennessee Tech and later transferred to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, majoring in chemical engineering; and

WHEREAS, at the beginning of World War II, the young Mr. Woodall set aside his personal goal of becoming a chemical engineer and withdrew from college to serve his country as a member of the United States Army Air Corps. Tom Woodall became a navigator in the Air Transport Command, attained the rank of Captain, and saw action in both the Pacific and European Theaters of Operation prior to his honorable discharge in November of 1946; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodall married Jean Thompson Taylor of Dickson in December of 1946; he was the proud father of one son, Tommy; and

WHEREAS, in 1948, Mr. Woodall and his brother Jimmy purchased Taylor Funeral Home in Dickson from Tom Woodall's father-in-law, Talmage Taylor. Five years later, Tom Woodall purchased his brother's interest in the funeral home, and Tom and Jean Woodall

served as the sole owners and proprietors of the funeral home until 1978, at which time they sold an interest in the business to Tommy Marvin; and

WHEREAS, Tom Woodall was highly esteemed as both a community and professional leader, and he lent his valuable skills to numerous civic and professional organizations, including the National Funeral Directors Association, the Tennessee State Funeral Directors Association, the VFW Post 4641, the American Legion Post 115, the Dickson County Fair Association, which he served as president, the Dickson County Chamber of Commerce, which he served as director, and the Dickson Kiwanis Club, which he served as both a member and an officer; and

WHEREAS, a staunch republican, Mr. Woodall was an active participant in the local republican party and served as the chairman of the Dickson County Republican Party for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Tom Woodall's non-partisan leadership skills and desire to better the quality of life in Dickson County ensured his success as a multiple-term member of both the Dickson City Council and the Dickson County Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tom Woodall's long and outstanding contributions to his community and Dickson County are worthy of our deep appreciation and have clearly helped make Dickson County what it is today; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we join with the citizens of Dickson County in celebrating their bicentennial and in specially honoring the many laudable contributions of Thomas Edward Woodall to the growth and prosperity of Dickson County and to the admirable quality of life enjoyed by its citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the family members of Mr. Woodall with this final clause omitted from such copy.

